

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached replacement sheet of drawings is submitted to replace the current sheet and includes amendments to Figure 3, wherein an arrow between blocks 50 and 52 is added as further discussed in the remarks.

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 25, 2007 (herein referred to as the "Office Action"), the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the application, based on the above claim amendments and the following remarks.

Interview Summary

An Interview Summary by the Examiner was filed on October 19, 2007.

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication by the Examiner, during a brief telephonic interview with Applicant's attorney granted by the Examiner and conducted on October 19, 2007, that the proposed claim amendments (which are formally submitted herein) and the proposed drawing correction (also submitted herein) would place the application in condition for allowance.

Drawing Objections

In the Office Action, Figure 3 of the drawings is objected to because a linking arrow is missing between blocks 50 and 52. Applicant submits for entry the attached replacement sheet for Figure 3 in which the inadvertently omitted arrow between blocks 50 and 52 is added as supported, for example, in the specification at page 8, lines 17-20. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added by this amendment and, therefore, that the replacement sheet should be entered and the objection withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 112

In the Office Action, claims 1-4, 6-10 and 12-26 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to point out particularly and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded by applicant as the invention. In response, Applicant submits amendments herein of claims 1, 9, and 16 (upon which claims 2-4, 7-10, and 13-26 are dependent, respectively). As noted above, these claim amendments were discussed and agreed upon to overcome the rejections during a recent interview between the Examiner and Applicant's attorney. Thus, upon entry of the claim amendments submitted herein, the foregoing rejections

should be withdrawn. Applicant respectfully submits that these claim amendments are made merely to correct a typographical error from a previous amendment and to clarify the claim language at the Examiner's request based on recitations already existing in the claims. Therefore, Applicant submits that the claim amendments submitted herein do not narrow the scope of the claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicant's attorney hereby authorizes that such fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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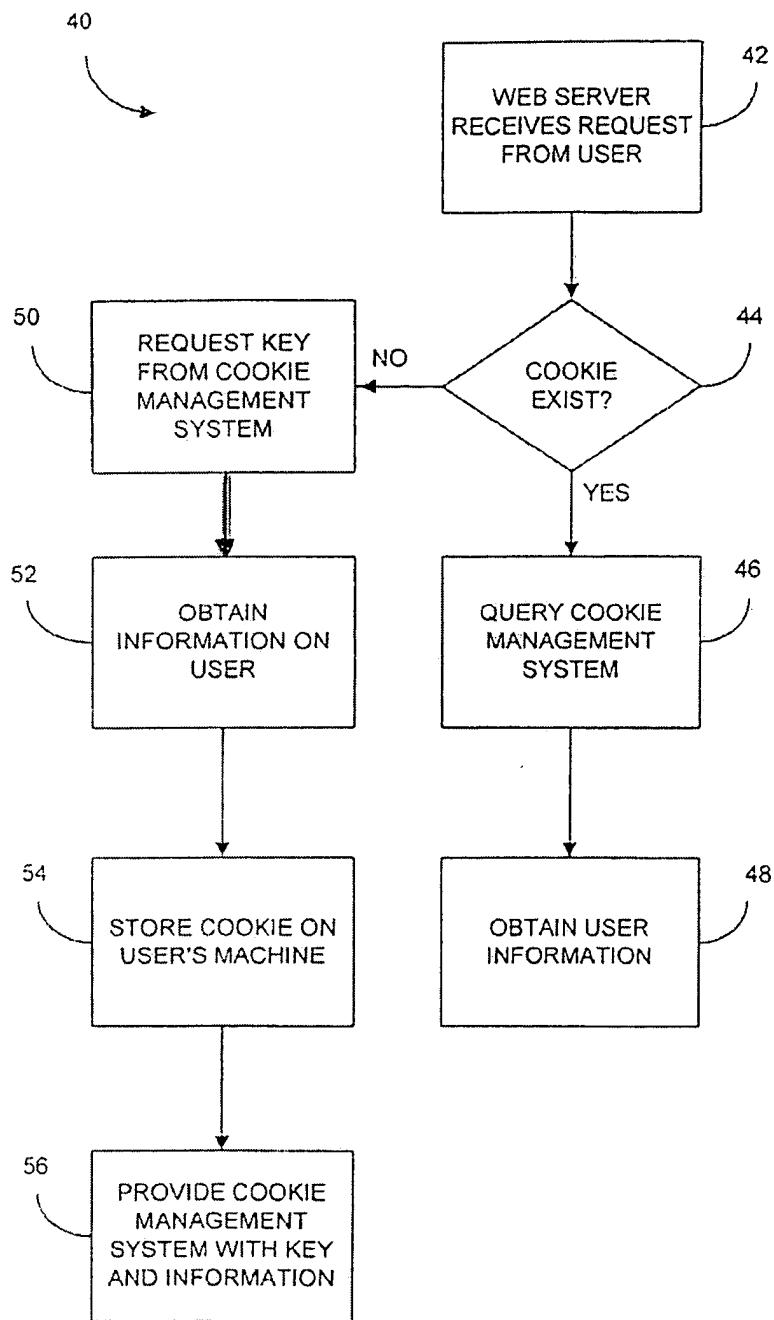


FIGURE 3